

*Miriam's Miracle

Miriam's story was so heartbreaking. She had been abandoned by her mother who had married and moved to another town with her younger siblings but without her. The new husband refused to take Miriam with them. An uncle decided to assist her by moving her from the rural village she was in and brought her to Nairobi for a chance at education and a better life. Miriam joined our ABC Program and we soon discovered the unthinkable abuse and exploitation she was suffering. We rescued her and enrolled her in a boarding school where she could be safe while the legal process ensued. At our Hearthome, Miriam received restorative care that helped with healing from the massive trauma. This became her safe place where she was loved and where she could have the space and freedom to be a child again.

Still, the void of not knowing where her mother and siblings were continued to disrupt Miriam's wellbeing – mental, emotional, psychological and social. Then two weeks ago, after years of trying, we finally found and got Miriam to reunite with her family. The story we had been told, the one she had been made to believe all this time, had been a big lie. Both her biological parents are still living and were beyond overjoyed to receive their child that they thought might have long been dead. They too had been lied to for years and did not have the means to uncover the truth. Miriam had been a victim of trafficking... by her own uncle. You can imagine the bittersweet tears of this reunion. And Miriam's parents were exceedingly grateful to One Lamb for caring for their daughter and making sure they got to see her again, healthy, happy and whole. What an incredibly unforgettable day!



We are amazed at how Miriam's heartbreaking story has had this happy outcome that we couldn't have ever imagined possible. We also shudder at the thought of how terribly her life could have turned out had we not been there when we were. The sun has finally risen for Miriam in a whole new way – her heart is full and her mind is at peace – she was not forgotten or unwanted, she is loved and has a family of her own where she knows she belongs. The Gospel she would passionately share with others but found hard to believe for herself finally makes sense now. Wow!

We may never know the depth of impact God has made and continues to make through One Lamb and through you our dear friends and partners, so we are grateful for every glimpse we get.

Thank you for walking this journey with us that is now 10 years along and still going. Thank you for sharing your resources, your words of wisdom and encouragement, and thank you for your many prayers. Look at the difference your kindness has made and still continues to make. Thank you so much. Bless you always.

*Miriam is not her real name as we endeavour to honour her story.

